

REEDON FRENCH JUSTICE

Publication of an Article From the Former Speaker.

A Discussion of the Dreyfus Trial, Methods of Administering Justice That Shock the Ideas of Englishmen and Americans—A Comparison of Courts-Martial in This Country.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—In a magazine article printed today Thomas M. Reed, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, gives his views upon "Dreyfus and French Justice." Mr. Reed says in part: "Perhaps the difference between nations, which causes us to make the greatest mistakes in our estimate of all nations but our own, arises not from the difference in thinking or in principles, but from the difference in habits. Our habits go on automatically, and so do theirs. When we come in contact with their habits we have to do thinking, and that is a disturbance, and we inevitably regard their ways of doing things as bad, because habit has made our own way so easy."

"While the mere trial of Dreyfus did not take place in Paris, the problem of the trial, the foot on the disciplinary elements of that great city was the subject of much discussion. It is difficult for a foreigner to comprehend the full force and bearing of that case. In the first place, the French method of administering justice shocks every habit and preconceived notion of an Englishman or American. Every principle alike of evidence and decorum seems to be outraged by the procedure of the courts in such cases."

"Our courts-martial seem sometimes to lawyers to be tribunals where the widest and, perhaps, the wildest departures are allowed. But compared with similar courts in France, and even courts under the civil magistrature, our courts-martial are models of propriety and of judicial strictness."

"As for the trial at Rennes, that seemed beyond all the possibilities of our habits. It ought to be said, however, that we were probably given a very distorted picture of what actually went on. All the testimony which came to us was confirmed by hands which may have been skillful or may have been unskillful, with all the chances against us."

"Charles Deade once said that there were but two men in all London who could conduct evidence and leave in the living and essential facts. The chances are that neither of these men was his French equivalent as at Rennes. But whether we got at the true case or not, one thing seems fully certain, which is, that we have not had of getting at the truth is strange beyond even the experience of dreams."

"All the things which a court of justice would keep out of the evidence are irrelevant and misleading are laid before the court with the utmost profusion. Instead of one directing mind on either side managing the display of witnesses, the display of evidence, everybody seems united to furnish alike facts and opinions, no matter how remote the facts may be nor from whom the opinions may come."

"What we call 'hearsay' testimony, and which we reduce to such limits that anyone might fairly say that we discard it altogether, seems to us very much more than a whole case. Speaking very generally, of course, our system is that no testimony is worth having which cannot be put under the searchlight of rigid cross-examination. Justice demands not only the truth, but the whole truth. A half truth may be the worst kind of a lie."

"When you get to a man said certain words, and have no chance to ask him if he said them that way, or what else he said, or why he said it, and when he said it, you have not even the highest assurance of truth, and even the highest assurance of truth is very far short of absolute verity. The great bulk of the testimony is untested and received as such."

"It is of course proper to say that there are made so strong and discriminating, so well trained and skillful, that such evidence would lead the way to just conclusion. Such tribunals, however, are rare, and are not often found in courts-martial. However, all French procedure is in like manner entirely different from ours and yet, nevertheless, has so maintained civil government, liberty, and the rights of property—has so nullified, in a word, all the purposes of rights of justice, that probably our criticism is but another instance of the inability of one nation to put itself in another nation's place. Our habits are simple to us, and our procedure is simple, but their habits are equally simple to them, and equally indispensable."

"The question is often asked whether the Dreyfus case will lead to disaster and the overthrow of the republic. Of course the gift of prophecy has not survived the destruction of Jerusalem, and before this article is printed it may be that the earthquake has come. Nevertheless, it is not at all probable that any conspicuous national disaster will happen."

"The truth is, that the affair is not of any line of cleavage which could split the nation into two camps, and that the differences of opinion on this question are purely individual, and have no force adequate to the separation of large masses of men. The fact that the opinion here expressed is the fact that the French republic is today apparently stronger than it ever has been before. It has passed through not a few crises which have tested its strength and its stability."

"To a man who believes that suitable government is that government which any nation can furnish to itself, and that the people of a country are, even the long run, their own most capable governors, the experience of a republic in the heart of Europe, surrounded by monarchies and principalities and powers, its procedure by nature and by history, its strength and its stability, is the most interesting of all human problems."

"That the solution may be successful and permanent is the ardent wish of all who love the liberties we have, and for which we would die, and who remember that to France we owe the troops and the ships which gave us the victory that enabled us to offer the example to the world of a people governed without the divine right of kings and without the institution of aristocracy."

WHIPPED THREE HIGHWAYMEN

A Courageous Salesman Regains His Free and Seizes His Money.

YONKERS, N. Y., Oct. 7.—In a battle on the Tarrytown road, Thursday night Edward Simmons, a salesman for a paper box factory here, vanquished three highwaymen who were after a large sum of money which he carried. Simmons was driving home. When at Tompkins Avenue, near the city line, he was brought to a halt by three men, who forced him to get out of the car. One of the men drew a revolver and the others leaped to the wagon.

They told Simmons to alight, saying that they would not harm him, but as he reached the ground one of the men drew a pistol and the others leaped to the wagon. Simmons, however, was not intimidated. He drew his own pistol and fired at the men. One of the men was killed, and the other two were wounded. Simmons then drove to the city and reported the matter to the police.

ON THE DIAMOND.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Brooklyn.....	96	45	.681
Boston.....	92	53	.635
Philadelphia.....	90	55	.621
Baltimore.....	84	58	.591
St. Louis.....	82	66	.554
Cincinnati.....	78	65	.546
Pittsburg.....	74	72	.507
Chicago.....	72	72	.500
Louisville.....	73	74	.497
New York.....	57	86	.399
Washington.....	51	94	.352
Cleveland.....	20	128	.135

GAME YESTERDAY.

Cincinnati, St. Louisville, 1.

GAMES TODAY.

Washington at Baltimore.

New York at Brooklyn.

Boston at Philadelphia.

Louisville at Cincinnati.

Cleveland at Pittsburg.

There was no game in this city yesterday on account of wet grounds, which will necessitate a double-header here on Monday.

The Senators will go to Baltimore today for a game and will conclude their series there on Tuesday. But one game was played yesterday, the rain being general throughout the country.

The Reds Won in a Walk.

The Colonels could do nothing with Hahn's magnificent pitching at Cincinnati yesterday. The score:

	R.	H.	E.	A.	E.
LOUISVILLE	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	0
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0
Leach	0	0	0	0	0
Reichman	0	0	0	0	0
Reilly	0	0	0	0	0
Leitch	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	0	0	0	0	0
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